GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
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TYPES OF INDIAN CLASSICAL DANCES
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any record on different types of Indian Classical and creative Dances;

(b) if so, the details of the Nritya has been empanelled with the Ministry therefor;

(c) whether the Government has received any proposal to introduce Ravindranatyam (dance on the songs of Tagore) in the lists of Indian heritage culture;

(d) if so, the action taken by the Government thereon;

(e) whether the Government has planned to set up a Committee to review the matter to pay honour to the internationally famous nobel laureate; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a)& (b) The Indian dances have been classified as classical, traditional, folk and tribal etc. The major traditions of Indian dances are: Bharatanatyam, Kathak, Kathakali, Manipuri, Kuchipudi, Odissi, Sattriya, Mohiniattam and Chhau. Creative and experimental dances are practiced by different artists and groups in their own respective ways.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) & (f) No Committee has been set up in the matter. However to pay homage to Gurudev Tagore, Sangeet Natak Akademi organized major festivals of dance, drama and theatre based on his literary works on the occasion of Tagore Centenary in 1961 and 125th Anniversary of Tagore's birthday in 1987.